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SUBJECT: DRAFT REPORT TO NATO MINISTERS ON MEDITERRANEAN
SITUATION (MED REPORT)

REF: USNATO 1768

HEREWITH MISSION COMMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) DRAFT
MED REPORT (REFTEL):

1. THIS IS DRAFT IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE IS FIRST CUT AT LAST
DECEMBER'S MED REPORT. DROPPING CONSIDERATION OF "THE OIL FACTOR"
FROM THIS VERSION HAS CONSIDERABLE REDUCED THE ATTENTION DEVOTED
TO NON-SOVIET RELATED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND, HOPEFULLY, WILL AVOID
LENGTHY CONTROVERSY THAT SURROUNDED THIS TOPIC DURING THE
PREVIOUS AD HOC GROUP DRAFTING SESSION.

2. THIS DRAFT INCLUDES MORE DATA ON THE SOVIET MILITARY EFFORT,
PLUS A CHART AND SOME TEXT ON THE SOVMEDRON AS ANNEXES. THIS
PROVIDES A BETTER FOCUS ON WHAT SHOULD BE THE CENTRAL THEME OF
THE REPORT: SOVIET PENETRATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

3. THE DISRUPTION IN THE SECRETARY'S STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATIONS
ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 22 SUBSUMED IS COMMENTS ON THE COURSE OF
MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN THEIR DRAFT WHICH WAS PRE-
PARED PRIOR TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, THEN HASTILY AMENDED PRIOR
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TO CIRCULATION. WHILE THE IS HAS NOT HAD TIME TO REQUEST ANY
SPECIAL U.S. INPUT ON THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ANTICIPATE THEY
WILL LOOK TO THE U.S. REP FOR SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON THIS DIS-
RUPTION AND ON POSSIBLE RESUMPTION AND FUTURE COURSE OF NEGOTI-

ATIONS.

4. AS IN LAST DECEMBER'S MED REPORT, THE IS HAS AGAIN AVOIDED
CONTROVERSY BY NOT REFERRING TO THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTES OVER
CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN OR THE GREEK DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM
NATO'S INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE. PEREZ

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